

## Specification Status

Page 5, line 13, rewrite the paragraph as follows:

Referring additionally to Figure 2, the auger assembly 20 comprises a cylindrical mounting collar 40 having a coaxial threaded bore, a beveled and perforated cylindrical auger 42 having an upper end connected with the dispensing collar 24 at an externally threaded sleeve 44 received in the threaded bore of the collar, and the plug ~~36~~ 26 carried by the dispensing collar 24. The auger 42, sleeve 44 and collar 24 form a center vertical passage 46 for dispensing pesticide introduced at the collar 24. The auger 42 is provided with a plurality of perforations 47 and a beveled end tip 48. The perforations 47 permit dispersion of the agent 22 as well as ant access thereto. The beveled end tip 48 allows for initial penetration of the top of the mound without significant disturbance and upon rotation and gradual auguring if the mound soil. A bevel angle in the range of about 30<sup>0</sup> to 60<sup>0</sup> is preferred. Alternatively, the sleeve 44 and the bore in the collar may provide non-threaded sliding fits whereby the bevel end tip is manually lowered and rotating for achieving the above effect. The tip 48 in the lowered position is proximate the plane of the flange 36 and preferably slightly thereabove, thus limiting the penetration of the mound and providing assembly storage within the confines of the cover envelope.

Page 6, line 10, rewrite the paragraph as follows:

The dispensing collar 24 and the sleeve 44 are integrally formed of a plastic material. The collar 24 has and annular base 50 registering with the passage 46 and an upwardly extending cylindrical sidewall 52, the inner surfaces of which define an upwardly opening cavity 54 for receiving the agent 22. The plug 26 is a one-piece plastic molding having solid cylindrical tip 56

having a light compressive fit with the side wall 52 and an enlarged circular shoulder 58 for manual gripping by the operator for insertion and removal, whereby in the closed position, the passage 46 26 is sealed to prevent exit by the enclosed fire ants.

Page 6, line 20, rewrite the paragraph as follows:

The stakes 18 are disposed about the periphery of the side wall 32 44 of the cover ~~encluse~~ 12. Each stake 18 includes a pointed shank 70 and enlarged head 72. The shank 70 is inserted through a center opening on a removal handle 74. In the raised position, the handle 74 is releasably attached to the side 32 by a hook and loop fastener assembly 76. One part of the assembly is adhesively attached to the handle 74 and the other part is adhesively attached to the side wall. The lower end of the shank 70 is received through a guide 78 attached at the lower end of the side wall 32. The tip of the shank registers with a hole formed in the flange 36. As shown in Figures 4 and 5, the guide 78 includes generally V-shaped center section 80 with outwardly extending legs 82 attached to the side wall of the cover. The center section provides an enlarged vertical passage having a substantial clearance with the shank permitting flexible alignment for installing the stakes while limiting movement in the raised position. Referring to Figures 6 and 7 the handle 74 includes a center cylindrical hub 84 having a center vertical hole for slidably receiving the shank 70 of the stake 18. Tabs 86 extend laterally from the hub 84 and provide gripping surfaces for manually removing an embedded stake. For inserting the stakes, the handle 74 is outwardly shifted to separate the fastener assembly 76 and the stake vertically oriented and manually or mechanically embedded in the ground until the head 72 and handle 74 engage the guide 78, thereby securing

the cover over the mound to prevent inadvertent dislodging, access to the pesticide by children or pets, and material degradation from precipitation.